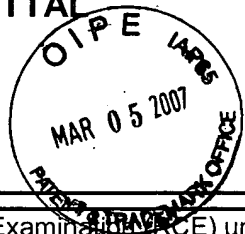


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	08/821,025
	Filing Date	March 19, 1997
	First Named Inventor	BIJL
	Group Art Unit	1651
	Examiner Name	I. Marx
	Attorney Docket Number	4662-399



This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.**

a. ☒ **Previously submitted** (Note: Any previously filed unentered amendments will be entered unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).)

i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on October 4, 2006

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☒ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 35 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of three months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed after the date of the first action on the merits.

a. <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims "small entity" status.	01 FC:1801	790.00 OP
b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fees are attached as calculated below:	02 FC:1253	1020.00 OP
i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)	03 FC:1463	130.00 OP
ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petition is made to extend the due date three month (less months previously paid)	\$790.00 (1801)/\$395.00 (2801)	\$ 790.00
iii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Rule 17(i) for three-month suspension of action		\$ 1020.00
		\$ 130.00

c. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed.

d. ☒ Payment by credit card (credit card payment form attached) in the amount of \$ 1940.00

e. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm), to Deposit Account No. 14-1140

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED			
Name (Print Type)	Gary R. Tanigawa	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	43,180
Signature		Date	March 5, 2007

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